

It is altogether likely that JAS. MILLAN of Detroit will be the unanimous choice of the republican members of the legislature for the office of U. S. senator. No better or more satisfactory selection could be made.

CABINET making seems to be a favorite occupation of the press at the present time. The results, thus far, do not show that the newspapers are experts at that trade. Gen. HARRISON will try his hand at the business some time between now and March and will, without doubt, beat the newspapers all hollow.

NEXT Wednesday, the newly-elected legislature of the state will convene. Temperance legislation should promptly be brought to the front, so that it may be thoroughly discussed and well understood. One great reason for the collapse of the laws passed by the last legislature for the regulation and suppression of the liquor traffic was that they were hastily passed—having been introduced late in the session and hurried through in an imperfect state. This should not happen a second time.

The sensation regarding an attempted assassination of General HARRISON proved to be a fiasco manufactured out of whole cloth, having not a shadow of foundation upon which to rest. The publication of such falsehoods is reprehensible in the extreme, as they not only serve no good purpose, but, on the contrary, might be productive of much harm by the evil suggestion they make to every crank in the country. Let us hope that America will never produce another BOOTH nor another GITEAU. Two such names are infamous enough in all conscience without the addition of a third.

SPEAKING of our item urging the appointment of Mr. Harvey as pension agent, the Bangor Democrat asks: "Will the one-legged soldier be turned out?" The Democrat is very careful not to mention that it is a one-legged soldier that the NORTHERNER suggested should be turned in. The NORTHERNER stated expressly that it would not ask, nor would his grand army comrades ask that Mr. McKINSTRY should make way for an able-bodied soldier, but it simply urged that his successor should be Mr. HARVEY, a good soldier who lost a leg in the service, just as did brave BOB McKINSTRY.

THAT a new local option law will be passed during the approaching session of the legislature, is tolerably certain. Why wouldn't it be a good idea, gentlemen legislators, to put the *onus probandi* on the liquor interest instead of on the temperance people? Why not make legal prohibition the settled policy of the state, giving the counties that desire it the option of legalizing the traffic, instead of making the business lawful and giving the counties the right of voting prohibition? Wouldn't it be good policy to put the laboring oar in the hands of the whisky men, instead of placing the burden on the temperance people?

SPEAKING of the township district system, the Moderator says: "The state grange, at its recent session, discussed the township district system in a very animated manner. Sup't ESTABROOK, by request, presented the matter, and the educational committee of the grange reported in favor of the measure by a vote of 8 to 2. The debate on the topic was very warm. At previous meetings the grange has condemned the system without a hearing. The sentiment of the grange was against the measure at this meeting, but the friends of the measure had all the argument; they were opposed merely by theory and prejudice. Gov. LUCE took the floor against the measure, but advanced no new or forcible arguments against the system. The heaven is working and the right will win."

O. W. POWERS of Utah fame, chairman of the gentle liberal committee of that territory, denounces the proposition of the democrats in the house of representatives to admit Utah as a state. He states, most emphatically, that polygamy is not a "dead issue" and, in substance, says that to confer statehood on that territory would remove the wicked practice from all restraint and fasten the abominable system upon the people for an indefinite period. These words, coming as they do from a committee of respectable citizens made up of both democrats and republicans, ought to be heeded by those democrats who are so anxious to admit Utah into the Union so that her democrat members of congress and democrat electors may, in some degree, offset the votes that are to come from the republican territories that are sure to be admitted in the near future. But their scheme will not work. One of two things must come to pass before Utah will ever be a state: either polygamy must be wiped out, root and branch, or the democrat party must obtain control of the government, both in its legislative and executive branches.

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